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WILLIAM BLAINE RICHARDSON, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, arranged through his attorney, JUSTIN SIMON, to be interviewed at the UN suite located at THE WATERGATE HOTEL, 2650 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington D.C. Present during the interview were SIMON, ELAINE METLIN an associate of Mr. SIMON at the law firm DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY, 2101 L Street NW, Washington D.C. and ANDREW ATHY, RICHARDSON's personal attorney and friend, 2540 Massachuettas Ave. NW, Washington D. C. All persons present were advised of the purpose of the interview and the official and personal identity of Investigator BASTIN and Associate Independent Counsel PATRICK O'BRIEN. RICHARDSON thereafter provided the following information.

RICHARDSON remembers that probably a few days before he received the resume of MONICA LEWINSKY at his New York office, he had a casual conversation with JOHN PODESTA at the WHITE HOUSE. PODESTA mentioned to him that PODESTA would like for him to interview a person who is moving to New York and is a friend of BETTY CURRIE, the presidents secretary, about a job with the UNITED NATIONS in New York. PODESTA closed the subject matter by saying he was unaware of the person's name, however he would send the resume to his UNITED NATIONS office in New York.

RICHARDSON explained that his usual weekly routine is to travel from New York to Washington D. C. on Tuesday morning in time for a meeting at the WHITE HOUSE in the afternoon. He will overnight at his suite in THE WATERGATE HOTEL on Tuesday night and attend another meeting at the WHITE HOUSE on Wednesday morning and then fly back to New York in the afternoon. He then returns to Washington D. C. on Friday for a Friday afternoon meeting at the WHITE HOUSE. On most of these occasions he sees and talks with JOHN PODESTA.

RICHARDSON recalls when he returned to his New York office his Administrative Assistant, ISABELE WATKINS handed him a resume of MONICA LEWINSKY and told him that this is the resume that JOHN PODESTA and BETTY CURRIE had discussed at the WHITE HOUSE. The resume was faxed to his office from the WHITE HOUSE on or about the same day he arrived in New York. There was then a discussion about whether or not and when to interview LEWINSKY. RICHARDSON asked WATKINS to set up the interview or "put it on

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